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1. Platoon No. 26 of the Rumanian Border Guard covers a sector of 5 kilometers on the frontier between the villages of Campia and Bazias.
2. The daytime guard maintains seven observation posts in this sector, composed of three soldiers each, and one mobile patrol. The first shift is from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; the second shift is from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Two of the posts are provided with telephones and the others communicate by signaling. Each of the observation posts is provided with a piece of board, 30 by 15 centimeters, painted red on one side and yellow on the other. When the board is raised, it means that someone has crossed the border from Rumania to Yugoslavia or vice versa. A three-soldier patrol is sent twice a day to check on the "soft" zone between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
3. For nighttime guard, Platoon No. 26 has three fixed posts and seven mobile patrols, with three soldiers each. One fixed post is located in front of the village of Socol, facing the bridge over the Nera River; the second is located at 400 meters left of the bridge, the third is 400 meters right of the same bridge. The soldiers are armed with one automatic pistol and two rifles. The first shift is from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; the second shift is from 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; the third shift is from 1:30 a.m. until the observation post shift arrives.
4. The mobile patrols have specific territories to check, which vary in size according to their strategic importance. They cover an area up to 400 meters from the frontier.
5. Usually, during the night, three additional patrols are sent out to check on the men who are on the frontier guard. Sometimes the commander or the

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commissar of the platoon joins the patrols; frequently, at 9:00 p.m., a patrol carrying a lantern is sent to check on the plowed zone.

6. Platoon No. 26 also has three trained dogs and during the night, three patrols composed of three soldiers and one dog, check on a territory one kilometer deep. These patrols guard the area behind the frontier line, towards the interior.
7. Although there is much emphasis placed on the necessity for vigilance, there are times when soldiers either leave their posts, smoke, talk with each other, or even sleep. At the end of April 1952, checking patrols discovered the soldiers of the fixed post by the Nera River sleeping. The soldiers were sentenced to seven days in jail for this offense.
8. Obstacles along this frontier include barbed wire fencing. The Platoon No. 26 sector is not mined, although it is rumored among the soldiers that other sectors are mined. Obstacles also include ditches, 7 to 8 meters long and 1.20 meters deep, in front of each observation post. The plowed zone in this sector is six meters wide, starting at a distance of 14 meters from the barbed wire fence.

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